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SUBJECT: ENERGY: US VIEWS ON WASHINGTON ENERGY
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1. SUMMARY. THE FRG WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE US
VIEWS ON THE AGENDA AND IT ANXIOUSLY AWAITS MORE
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COMMENTARY ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MEETING. THE

ONLY AREA OF FRG INTEREST OMITTED IN THE US SUGGESTIONS IS DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR THE DIALOGUE WITH THE PRODUCERS. THE FRG POSITION FOR THE MEETING WILL BE DECIDED ONLY AFTER THE EC COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANTZKE OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY; KRUSE, DIRECTOR OF ENERGY OFFICE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SCHMIDT-KUESTER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY.

3. ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA LANTZKE NOTED THAT IT CONTAINED WITH ONE EXCEPTION ALL THE POINTS THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAD INCLUDED IN THEIR THINKING ABOUT THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE. THE EXCEPTION WAS ANY DETAILS ON PRACTICAL PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTING A DIALOGUE WITH THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES. IN THIS REGARD, ONE OF LANTZKE'S STAFF REMARKED THAT THE AGENDA SEEMED TO FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON RELATIONS BETWEEN CONSUMING COUNTRIES WITH THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH PRODUCERS PUT OFF TO A SEPARATE STAGE. ON ANOTHER POINT LANTZKE SAID THAT WHILE THE PROPOSED BREAKDOWN OF WORKING GROUPS MENTIONED IN PART BII MIGHT WELL BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE US GIVEN THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE USG, THIS BREAKDOWN WOULD POSE PROBLEMS FOR THE FRG. FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL'S AUTHORITY DOES NOT EXTEND TO ALL THE ASPECTS OF POINT A NOR DOES FINANCE MINISTER SCHMIDT HAVE COMPETENCE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF POINT B. ECONOMICS MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY ROHWEDDER COULD PROBABLY HANDLE ALL THE ASPECTS UNDER POINT C BUT HE WOULD ALSO HAVE AN INTEREST IN PARTS OF POINTS A AND B.

4. LANTZKE WAS NONCOMMITTAL AS TO WHETHER THE FRG WOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH THE COUNTERPART TO UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON. ON THIS SAME POINT KRUSE OPINED THAT THEY COULD OF COURSE SEND SOMEONE TO A FEBRUARY 8 MEETING BUT IT WAS QUESTIONABLE HOW MUCH CONFIDENTIAL

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AUTHORITY HE WOULD HAVE TO SPEAK FOR THE FRG. SCHMIDT-KUESTER ON THE OTHER HAND DOUBTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO SEND ANYONE TO THE PROPOSED FEBRUARY 8 MEETING. KRUSE ASKED WHAT THE US HAD IN MIND UNDER THE TOPIC OF EMERGENCY ALLOCATIONS. WOULD WE BE WILLING FOR EXAMPLE TO SHARE US PETROLEUM PRODUCTION? HE ALSO ASKED WHAT WE MEANT BY DEMAND RESTRAINT. EMBOFF DREW ON THE

GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS AND FURTHER NOTED THAT WE WOULD BE RECEIVING A FULLER EXPOSITION OF OUR VIEWS LATER THIS WEEK. WE WERE ALSO ASKED HOW MUCH DETAILED DISCUSSION ON TRADE PROBLEMS WE EXPECTED WOULD ARISE AT THE CONFERENCE AND WHETHER THE FRG SHOULD INCLUDE A TRADE POLICY EXPERT ON THE DELEGATION. (THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY NOT THE FINANCE MINISTRY HAS COMPETENCE FOR THIS SUBJECT WITHIN THE FRG.)

5. ON A MORE GENERAL LEVEL LANTZKE AND KRUSE BOTH EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT MUCH IN THE WAY OF CONCRETE RESULTS COULD BE ATTAINED ON SUCH AN AMBITIOUS AGENDA WITHIN THE SHORT PERIOD OF A TWO-DAY

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CONFERENCE. WE NOTED THAT WHAT WAS REQUIRED WAS A POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO APPROACH THE PROBLEMS OF THE ENERGY CRISIS ON A COORDINATED MULTILATERAL BASIS AND THAT IF THIS COMMITMENT WAS MADE THE TASK FORCES COULD CARRY OUT THE DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BASIC POLITICAL DECISIONS IN THE WORK SUBSEQUENT TO THE CONFERENCE. KRUSE REMARKED THAT TO OBTAIN EVEN A POLITICAL COMMITMENT AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL REQUIRED DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANCE WELL IN ADVANCE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. HE EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT TIME WAS RUNNING OUT IN THIS REGARD. LANTZKE SAID THAT FOR THE CONFERENCE TO SUCCEED IT WOULD REQUIRE THE PARTICIPATION AND POSITIVE SUPPORT OF ALL THE MAJOR CONSUMING NATIONS. HE SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT FRANCE IS NOT GOING TO RENOUNCE ITS POLICY OF WORKING BILATERALLY WITH THE ARAB PRODUCERS AND CONSEQUENTLY THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE MIGHT WELL BE THE EXTENT OF JAPAN'S COMMITMENT TO MULTILATERAL VERSUS BILATERAL APPROACH TO ENERGY CRISIS. KRUSE SAID THAT THE FRG WAS MOST INTERESTED IN BRINGING THE LDCS INTO THIS COORDINATION PROCESS. HE SAID THE FRG LOOKED WITH DISFAVOR UPON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A UN CONFERENCE BUT THAT IT HOPED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF LDCS COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS VERY SHORTLY AFTER THE FEBRUARY 11 MEETING. SCHMIDT-KUESTER NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE FRG WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TOWARD COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS ON A MULTILATERAL BASIS, THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WERE ON A BILATERAL NOT MULTILATERAL BASIS AND THE FRG WILL WISH TO DEVELOP BILATERAL PROGRAMS WITH THE US AFTER THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

6. LANTZKE NOTED THAT THE FRG POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THE DISCUSSIONS TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE EEC NEXT WEEK. HE SAID THAT ONLY AFTER THE EEC COUNCIL DECIDES ON ITS POSITION FOR THE CONFERENCE WOULD THE FRG BE IN A POSITION TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WANTED TO SPEAK WITH AN INDEPENDENT VOICE AT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.
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